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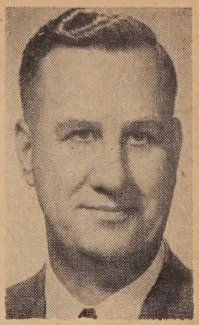
THE BONDS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Nelson C. Dreier

Minister

The fellowship of our Congregational Christian Churches is an inspiring thing. We are bound together by no external compulsion but of our own desire. We are not greatest among the denominations by virtue of numbers. We have strength in our witness rather because of our sense of need for each other and our willingness to work together not because we must but because we may. The miracle of Easter has just been demonstrated to us again—

> "There lives a beauty that men cannot kill;
> Yes, that shall destroy all ugliness at last;
> For Christ in love's white vesture walketh still
> Among us. Hold that faith and hold it fast."

When our commitment to Jesus Christ motivates our lives we are drawn together in the bonds of Christian fellowship. Individual Christians seek out a church in which they can fellowship with each other and through which their witness will bring others to Christ and His church.

Our bond of Christian fellowship will be strengthened again by a deepened sense of spiritual power. John Calvin used the symbol of the burning heart, which also had its source in Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus; "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked to us on the way." An empty pietism, or a holier than thou attitude will not suffice. Our Christian sense of mercy and justice will drive us to a concern for human need and together we will act to relieve suffering and oppression.

Our Annual Conference Meeting is another evidence of the bonds of Christian fellowship among our churches. We have work to do and we are strengthened in doing it as we unite forces. This is not to give up our freedom. It is rather the high expression of freedom when under God we work to do his will. Every church stands to gain and no church is so adequate in itself that it does not need the rest.

The bonds of Christian fellowship give our faith a national and world sweep. Our Congregational Christian fellowship relates us to the work of other Christian bodies in this country and throughout the world. What a tragedy that we are so divided. What cause for rejoicing that step by step we are learning to work together and appreciate each other. The local, state, national, and world councils of churches spell fellowship across these lines. The spiritual power of any church is revealed in its evangelistic zeal, local and world-wide. The church has as its great purpose to bring man into right relationship with God. A Christian, aflame with the love of God through Jesus Christ, enters the bonds of Christian fellowship when his Christian experience impells him to relate himself to his church and through his church to the cause of Christ throughout the world.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Seattle, OLIVET . . .

A spring dinner at Olivet brought $200 to be used for materials in the renovating of the parsonage. Volunteers have been working on such projects as new ceilings, new hardwood floors, and additional light switches. In addition to these activities in preparation for a new minister, whenever the Pulpit Committee is successful in securing same, five persons from the congregation served on the annual subscription fund drive for the Council of Churches. Special Maundy Thursday services were conducted by the interim minister.

YAKIMA . . .

Plans are underway for the celebration commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the First Congregational Church in Yakima. A banquet on Tuesday, April 27th, will feature reminiscing about the early days of the Church by Miss Lucile James, Mrs. L. B. Vincent, Dr. W. D. Robinson and others. The old timers of the church will sit together at the banquet, and there will be a special exhibit of old pictures of the church and former leaders. Dr. Nelson Dreier of the conference staff will speak at the service.

On Sunday, May 2, a special service will be held at the usual hour in the church. Dr. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, president of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, will deliver the sermon. Rev. Robert Kennan is the present minister.

Tacoma, PLYMOUTH . . .

Through the efforts of all members, including the industrious youth group, several improvements have been accomplished at Plymouth church this year. A new furnace has been installed in the basement. A new roof was achieved by dinners, donations and the work of all departments. The Pilgrim Fellowship group purchased paint painted the church parlors as as waxing the floors and clean the windows.

Rev. O. P. Shenefelt is the minister.

Seattle, MAGNOLIA . . .

An enthusiastic and joyous sponse characterized the occas of the first All Church Fellows Dinner at the Magnolia church March 25th. Two hundred fo parents and children enjoyed a p luck dinner. Speaker for the e ning was Dr. Archie H. Hook the conference staff.

A committee has been named study anticipated needs and se as a general committee for building of an educational unit the church. Mr. Robert Durham been engaged as the architect.

The women of the church h sent 58 boxes of clothing and f boxes of shoes to Korea since J uary 1. They have also sent bo to Tougaloo College and Flint Go rich Hospital and contributed to Multi-Purpose Food program. T are also working to bring the chu kitchen and equipment up to desired standards for serving ners.

A series of Mother-Teacher c ferences have been held for all departments of the church sch under the direction of Mrs. Eli beth Myers, director of Christ Education. Young People have been active the past few mon Members of the junior high gr attended the conference in Belli ham ,and twelve members of senior high fellowship went to conference in Yakima.

Rev. Kenneth Claypool is the m ister.

RALPH S. BARBER

'ANCOUVER . . .

The Rev. Ralph S. Barber as-umes his responsibilities this month s minister of the church in Van-ouver. Mr. Barber comes to our ellowship from the position of As-istant Minister of the First Uni-arian Church, Portland, Oregon, vhere he has served since May, 953. Prior to his entry into the inistry, Mr. Barber was in private aw practice in White Salmon, Vashington. He was born in Eng-and, but has spent most of his life n this country. His father is a Methodist minister, and is at pres-nt the pastor of the Fall City Methodist Church. Mr. Barber is a raduate of the Willamette Uni-ersity College of Law, and the tarr-King School for the Ministry n Berkeley, California.

With an outstanding record in he fields of youth work and re-igious education, Mr. and Mrs. Bar-er and their three daughters will ind a hearty welcome in the Van-ouver church and in our confer-nce fellowship.

During the interim the lay people of the Vancouver church continued with an active program. A special Lenten series was offered which featured three special interest groups and a devotional period led by Mr. Charles Alexander. The interest groups included one devoted to Christian Beliefs with Mrs. Roy Dye and Mrs. Robert Knapp as co-chairmen; one on Christian Service led by the Stewardship Committee with Mrs. Charles Alexander as chairman; and one devoted to the theme of Living as Christians in Today's World prepared by the Social Action Committee with Miss Etta Andrews as chairman.

Seattle, FAUNTLEROY . . .

Two one-act comedies and a one-act drama made up the premiere presentation of the Fauntleroy Community Players on April 23, 24, and 26. This new drama group directed by Mrs. Clifford Dunbar is a new feature of the social life of the community and the church.

Miss Sue Yarrow was elected as secretary of the conference Pilgrim Fellowship at its meeting in Yakima, and Mr. Fred Woods was elected to attend the National Council on Pilgrim Fellowship.

A special workshop for church school teachers will be held the week of May 10, under the direction of Miss Carolyn Goddard. Rev. Ernest Yarrow is minister.

Seattle, GREEN LAKE . . .

A Junior High youth group has been organized at Green Lake Church and now meets on Wednesday afternoons. Two other activities will be of interest in the month of May. The Naomi Circle will hold a Mother-Daughter banquet on May 7, and the program will feature a fashion show. The senior Pilgrim Fellowship is sponsoring on May 14th a "Parisian Holiday." This program and project is to raise money for the Seabeck summer conference. Rev. Stanley Anderson is the minister.

SUQUAMISH . . .

Sunday, March 28th, was dedication day for members and friends of the Suquamish church—dedication of the new parish hall which is in the process of being completed. Dr. Archie Hook of the conference staff was guest speaker, and a tea followed the dedication service. The new facilities include a fellowship hall and additional class rooms. Most of the work has been done voluntarily, with the leadership of Mr. Guy LaFollette and Mr. L. O. Rettig. Rev. Edward Ohrenstein is minister.

EVERETT . . .

The First Congregational Church was host to the Preaching Mission sponsored by the Council of Churches for March 8-12. Speaker for the services was Dr. Daniel E. Taylor, District Superintendent of the Columbia District of the Methodist Church.

First Church also conducted special Lenten services this year, and featured ministers from the area as speakers. Rev. George Halstead is the minister.

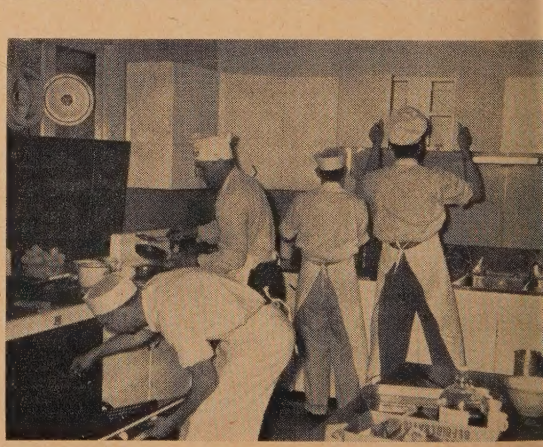
Seattle, UNIVERSITY . . .

The Lenten program of evan lism in University Church cove all ages and included a perso visitation program by seventy- men of the church. The serm during this emphasis, were on theme, "Great Beliefs of Church." University students ha series of discussions on "What Church Believes," with visit Congregational ministers as spe ers. High school students devo their meetings during the sea to a discussion of the manual, " Church—An Adventure in Christ Fellowship." Mrs. Clyde Reid the junior high school group i series of meetings on "The Me ing of Church Membership."

As a result of this evangeli emphasis during Lent some seven five members were received i the church during the Holy W services. Dr. Clinton E. Ostran is the minister.

SYLVAN . . .

Rev. Walter Pierson becomes minister of the Sylvan church May 1. Mr. Pierson has been se ing the church at Elk, and pr to this pastorate was at Touche



The Keystoners — the active, loyal, close-knit Laymen's Fellowship of Keysotne Church—prepared and served breakfast for about 150 members and friends of the parish on Saturday, April 3. The project was to raise money for the building improvements proposed. The new kitchen facilities, shown above, represent the first completed step in the improvement program of Keystone. This project made money, but the most valuable part of the event was the warm, friendly fellowship. Rev. E. R. Hunt is minister. Photo by Charles Tach

attle, **JAPANESE . . .**

"Contact" the newsletter of the panese Congregational Church, ports several activities of signifi- nce this spring. The annual ring bazaar was held on March th with Mr. Aki Horita as chair- an.

The primary children worshipped e Sunday with the primary chil- en of Plymouth Church, and a w nursery group has been of- red as a part of the church school ogram. Members of the Pilgrim llowship have participated in the -city basketball season as well other recreational activities and rvice projects for the church.

The Women's Fellowship contin- s with its meetings and service the church. On Easter Sunday ey prepared the annual Easter reakfast. Rev. Ai Chih Tsai is inister.

ASCO . . .

Plans continue to go forward to- ard the new church facilities heduled to be completed this fall, t the excitement of a new build- g has not interferred with mean- gful activities of several groups is spring. The Junior High youth oup has made a slide file as a minder of their fellowship and e work accomplished. The Men's llowship had a very successful ther and son banquet and other ne meetings each month. The onthly Family Pot Luck dinners ld the first Sunday evening of ch month at 5:30 p. m. offer an perience of worship, fun, and lots food. Rev. Paul Sutley is the inister.

ASHOUGAL . . .

Rev. Vincent Stageberg has re- gned his pastorate at Bethel urch and becomes on May 1 an ucational secretary for the Wash- gton Temperance Association, with adquarters in Seattle. Mr. Stage- rg has been active in conference fairs during his pastorates at chmond Beach and Washougal.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE HEIN

Our special congratulations go to Rev. and Mrs. George Hein of the German Church, Seattle. In June they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and Mr. Hein's 50th year of service in the ministry.

Mr. Hein taught public school for several years before entering the ministry. In 1904 he graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary, and was ordained and began his marriage and his ministry in a country church near Glen Ullin, North Dakota.

During the twenty-three years they have served the church in Seattle some remarkable things have occurred. A number of improvements to the parsonage and church have been accomplished involving quite an expenditure of money. But more outstanding has been the record of this present congregation of 34 members and their giving for the Crusade program. Their quota was $850 for the causes of relief and reconstruction, but the actual amount contributed came to $3500. Their present quota for the Church Building Fund has been paid in full.

ANNUAL MEE

The 66th annual meeting of the Conference will be held on May 4-6, at the Westminster Congregational Church, Spokane, with representatives from churches in northern Idaho and Washington attending. Conference sessions will begin on Tuesday afternoon and continue through Thursday noon.

The theme of the conference is "Christ—the Hope of the World," which is the theme of the World Council sessions to be held this summer.

Mr. Rex Jordan of the Keystone Church, Seattle, is the moderator of the conference. In addition to his service to this local church, Mr. Jordan is well known to our churches as a leader in the fields of laymen's activities and missionary education.

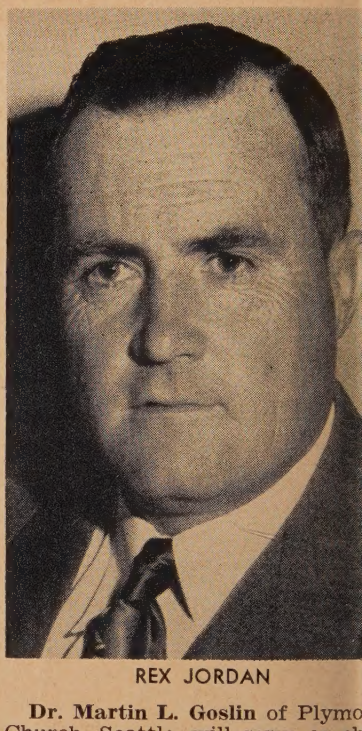
GUEST SPEAKERS

Three out of state persons will give leadership at the conference. **Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher,** National Director of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign, formerly executive of he Missions Council, will speak three times, and will be honored at a dinner meeting.

Dr. Alford Carleton, newly elected Executive Vice President of The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will bring inspiration and information regarding our mission work, especially in the Near East. Dr. Carleton comes to his present position from that of being President of Aleppo College, Aleppo, Syria, where he has served since 1937. He will be installed in his new position at the General Council sessions in June.

Dr. Charles J. Armstrong, new president of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, will present the work of our church-related college in the Northwest.

Dr. Clement F. Hahn is minister of the host church and will conduct the service of Communion, which will conclude the conference sessions.



REX JORDAN

Dr. Martin L. Goslin of Plymo Church, Seattle, will serve as ch lain for the conference.

SPECIAL FEATURES

A number of special events be featured on the program. Am them will be a Victory Dinner the Church Building Loan F Campaign, when tribute will be en to Dr. Albert D. Stauffac whose services as National Direc will conclude with the Gen Council sessions in June. This ner will also celebrate the Wa ington conference having achie its national goal in the campa under the leadership of the ch man, Dean Edward Lauer.

The Woman's Gift, which i sacrificial gift by the women of churches for the special causes

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Certificates of Recognition for
ving reached the suggested goals
Our Christian World Mission
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the conference.

The new Congregational film,
he Beginning," will have a spe-
l premiere. This new film, pro-
ced for use in the local churches,
e of charge, will be available in
fall. Containing a special stew-
lship message, the film will have
ny uses.

SEMINARS AND BUSINESS

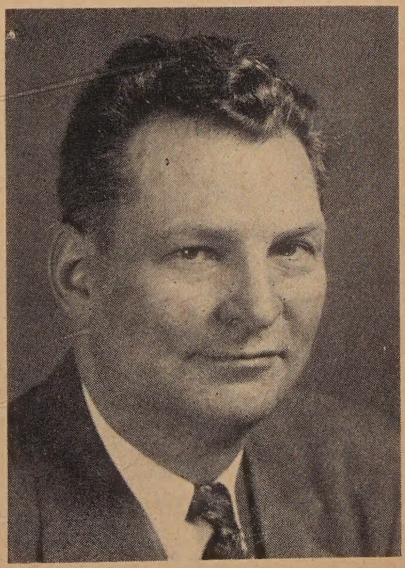
There will be three seminars of-
ed at the conference, and the
dership of each one will rotate
the three sessions so that all
rsons attending the conference
l have an opportunity to share in these presentations. The areas to be presented will be Christian Education, Social Action, and Our Christian World Mission.

The business of the conference will be that of considering the report of the Constitution Revisions Committee, the election of the officers and committee members for the next year, and the report of the Resolutions Committee. The various Associations will meet in special session to elect their delegates for the General Council meeting in June.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Each church is entitled to two lay delegates and pastor, and an additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, after the first 100. In addition to the official delegates, each church is entitled to as many associate delegates as can attend the conference. The Westminster Church is providing overnight housing for the official delegates.

MARTIN L. GOSLIN



CLEMENT F. HAHN

NEWS BRIEFS

The Western Pastor's School at LaForet, Colorado, will be held this year from July 7-August 4. This school, sponsored by the Board of Home Missions, as an opportunity of inspiration and study, will have as its dean Dr. Stanley U. North. Those attending from our conference will include **Rev. Roy Ramquist** of Priest River; **Mr. Robert Nathan** of Almira; **Rev. Evan David** of Blaine, and **Rev. George Halstead** of Everett.

The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches will meet in New Haven, Connecticut, this summer from June 23-30. This conference is entitled to 26 delegates, and the delegation is to include lay women, lay men and ministers. This session will be an important one as the council is to consider the report of the Committee on Free Church Polity and Unity; the report of the Board of Review on the activities of the Council for Social Action, and future proceedings regarding the merger.

The National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship will be held this summer from June 23-30 at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. This conference is entitled to four delegates, who were elected at the annual meeting in Yakima. The delegates are **Marc Nathan** of Almira, **Bob Kennan** of Yakima, **Tom Richmond** of Ritzville, Zion, and **Fred Woods** of Fauntleroy, Seattle.

Preparations are being completed for the ordination of Rev. Clyde Reid. The Ecclesiastical Council met at the University Congregational Church on April 25th for the examination of the candidate. The service of ordination will be held on May 9 at 4 p. m. at the University Congregational Church. Mr. Reid is a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion, and for the past

CLYDE REID

year has been serving as Mini to Students at the Univer Church. He also has particip in the conference summer prog of camps and the youth fellow activities. The ordination ser will be given by Rev. Kenneth Claypool of the Magnolia Chu Seattle.

Dean Edward H. Lauer, ch man of the Church Building L Fund Campaign for the confere reports that churches have sent Declarations totalling $119,117 on a conference goal of $144,0 This is a fine record. It is evid that we can reach the full g when the few churches not acc ing their goals in full do so. Ple send declarations in promptly. dividuals are invited to make sonal gifts over and above churches goal by sending checks the conference made out to Congregational Church Building ciety.

cers of the Senior High conference of Pilgrim Fellowship elected at the annual meet-in Yakima are pictured above. Reading from left to right: President, Marc Nathan Almira; Chairman Christian Action Commission, Tom Richmond of Ritzville, Zion; rman Christian Fellowship Commission, Carole Chilson of Yakima; Chairman stian Faith Commission, Matthw Goslin of Seattle Plymouth; Secretary, Sue Yarrow eattle Fauntleroy; and Treasurer, Bill English of Spokane Westminster.

than 400 young people of junior high and high school age participated in the g youth conferences this year. Two conferences were held for junior highs, one at gham and one at Kellogg. The senior high conference was held at the Congrega-l Church, Yakima, April 2-4. The program featured a variety of group meetings, onducted in an informal sharing experience. The group pictured above is sharing their leader, Rev. Roland Schlueter, the values and techniques of Planning Retreats.

SEABECK INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE

The 12th annual Interdenominational Conference, sponsored by the State Council of Churches, will be held at Seabeck this year from June 27-July 2, beginning with dinner the first evening and continuing through breakfast the final day. This conference is planned for inspiration, study, fellowship and recreation. The mornings will be devoted to Bible study, seminars and addresses. The afternoons will be given to the departmental meetings of the Council of Churches, where plans for the work during the fall will be presented.

Conference Leadership

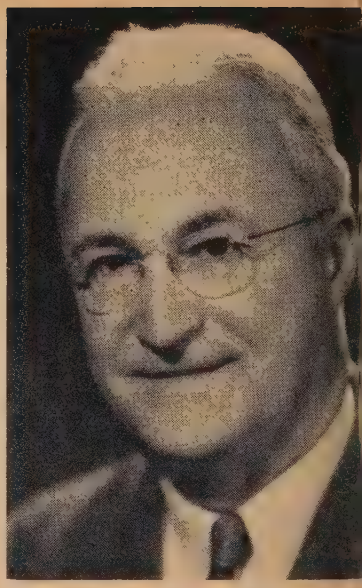
Leadership for the conference will include Dr. C. E. Polhemus of the Presbyterian fellowship as dean. Others will be Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, well-known as a talented soloist, having last year completed a world tour as "Ambassador of Goodwill" representing the United Church Women.

Dr. Gerald A. LaRue of San Francisco, associate Director of the Committee on the Use and Understanding of the Bible of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Clifford J. Earle of Philadelphia, secretary of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. Rev. Ed L. Schlingman of Philadelphia, director of Camps and Conferences of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will also be present.

The registration fee is $6.00 and the room and board will be from $17.50 to $20.00, depending on accommodations. All registrations should go to the State Council of Churches. Registration will be limited to 200 persons.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL

The Northwest Regional Conference will again be held this year at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, from August 30-Septem 2, beginning on Monday eve and continuing through Thurs noon.



CLINTON OSTRANDER

Dr. Clinton E. Ostrander of University Church, Seattle, will chairman. Leadership invited the conference includes Mr. J Reuling, Africa Secretary for American Board. Mr. Reuling recently completed a tour of work in Africa. Miss Elsie Fa of Long Beach, California, a m ber of the Prudential Committe The American Board, and a namic speaker regarding our w A Congregational represents from overseas attending the sions of the World Council mee in Evanston this summer, will be present.

In addition to the major pre tations, there will be seminars recreation in the afternoons. R istrations should be sent to Pa University.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

ıe summer months provide ue opportunities for the local rches to offer different types of vities. This year we note several ch have value.

ACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS be either a local church or a munity affair. Here is an op-unity to add at least thirty rs to the religious education ex-ences of the boys and girls in church schools. The theme of National Council committee to ised this summer, "The Church" highlight the local and the ld wide emphasis of our groups. er materials provide an adven-in missionary education.

LANNING RETREATS for the re church, as will be the plan the Fauntleroy, Pullman and llace churches, means much in success of the work undertaken t year. Youth groups make use his technique in the planning of r work. This is an experience vork and fellowship in a setting nspiration.

UMMER CAMPS AND CON-RENCES. The Christian Education Committee of the Conference is sponsoring this year six weeks of camps for various age groups. Facilities to be used include the conference site on Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho—Camp N-Sid-Sen; the Disciples of Christ camp at Gwinwood, near Olympia, and Seabeck on Hood Canal.

The general theme of these experiences is "Modern Disciples" and the major study area will be the Life and Teachings of Jesus. Leadership will be provided from the conference area and our mission field. The schedule is as follows:

JULY 10-17: SENIOR HIGHS will meet at Camp N-Sid-Sen, and Rev. David Julius of Pullman, Washington, will serve as the dean. This week is for young people who in the fall will enter grades 10-12, and spring graduates. Rev. Franklin Elliott of Walla Walla will make the major presentation dealing with the Teachings of Jesus, and other ministers from the area will teach other classes. Cost will be $3.00 registration fee and $15 camp fee. Registrations must be in by July 1.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

JULY 17-24: JUNIOR HIGHS at Camp N-Sid-Sen, with Rev. Paul D. Sutley of Pasco as dean. This week is for young people who in the fall will enter grades 7 and 8. Cost will be $3.00 registration and $15 camp fee. Registrations must be in by July 7.

JULY 24-31: FRESHMAN CAMP at Camp N-Sid-Sen. This is a special for this summer and those persons who will in the fall enter the 9th grade may register for this period. The cost will be $3.00 and the camp fee is $15. A special program is planned for this camp. Registrations due July 14.

AUGUST 7-14: FAMILY CA at Camp N-Sid-Sen, with Mr. Mrs. James Farnsworth of Green Lake Church, Seattle, deans. Cost is $3.00 Registra $35 camp fee and insurance of per person for each member of family. Designed as a combina vacation and conference experie Registration limited to two f ilies from each church until J 15.

AUGUST 8-14: JUNIOR HIG at Gwinwood on Hick's Lake, n Olympia, Washington, with F Paul Donavan of Prospect Chu Seattle, as dean. This week is young people who in the fall enter grades 7, 8 and 9. Cost is $ registration and $15 camp fee. T is our first year using the facili at Gwinwood.

AUGUST 16-23: SENIOR HIG at Seabeck, with Rev. John Gib of Plymouth Church, Seattle, dean. This week is for those yo people entering in the fall gra 10, 11, 12, and spring gradua Cost will be $3.00 registration $24.50 camp fee.

Additional information regard each of these camps and con ences may be secured from the ference office.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

'OMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP
be held this year at Camp N-Sen from **JULY 31 - AUGUST**
Cost will be $2.00 registration; insurance, and $15.00 camp fee.
ders for the week include Miss 'jorie Martin, National Secre-' of the Friendly Service pro-m of our denomination, and Mrs. en Kincaid of Seattle, who will responsible for the inspirational tures of the program. Mrs. E. R. lson, president of the conference wship, will conduct a workshop n day regarding the work in the ference. There will be a pro-m for children. Additional in-nation regarding this week may secured from Mrs. Esther Shaw, Harvey Road, Pullman, Wash.

Purposes of the Camps

1. **To awaken and deepen the spiritual lives and strengthen the Christian convictions of each camper.**
2. **To help each camper in his ability to make a Christian evaluation of life as it is today.**
3. **To provide an experience of living in a Christian community.**
4. **To develop an awareness of the Church, at home and world-wide, and to provide opportunities of sharing in its program.**
5. **To train in skills for churchmanship and to develop Christian leadership.**

Swimming Area at Gwinwood

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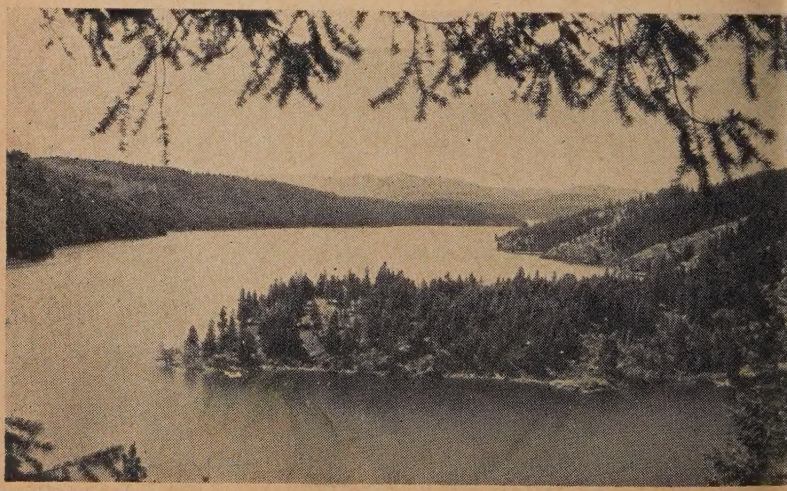

Camp N-Sid-Sen, owned by our conference, is located on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho